

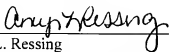
**REMARKS**

Applicant provides the current amendment after filing a Notice of Appeal and before the filing of the Appeal Brief. Claims 11, 23, 24, and 25 have been amended to place them in better condition for appeal. A minor typographical error included the term "sample" in Claim 11, as was noted by the examiner in the Final Office Action as a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicants noted that the same error was present in Claims 23-25 and have amended those claims as well. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

No additional fee is believed due for this action. However, kindly charge any additional fees due, or credit overpayment of fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0281. In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in better condition for Appeal.

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